

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes only Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including only Figure 1. In Figure 1, duplicated reference number 21a has been changed to 24, and duplicated reference number 31a has been changed to 34.

Attachments: 1 Replacement Sheet (Fig. 1)
 1 Annotated Sheet showing changes (same)

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner for issuing the Notice of Allowance recognizing the novelty and non-obviousness of applicant's claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is being amended herein to eliminate redundant duplication of reference numbers. In particular, in the specification as originally filed, reference number 21a was used to refer to both a bearing and a swash plate surface (paragraphs [035] and [036]). This was due to an unintentional oversight.

In the present amendment, the applicant has amended paragraph [035] to replace "bearing 21a" with --bearing 24--.

In addition, the reference number 31a was originally used to refer to both a bearing and a swash plate surface (paragraphs [037] and [038]).

In the present amendment, the applicant has amended paragraph [037] to replace "bearing 31a" with --bearing 34--.

No new matter is added by these amendments. (Figure 1 has also been changed correspondingly).

IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings have also been amended herein to correct minor informalities consistent with the above changes to the specification, that is, to eliminate redundant use of reference numbers. Figure 1 is amended herein to eliminate two instances of duplicated reference numbers. In particular, duplicated reference number 21a (at the bearing) has been changed to 24, and duplicated reference number 31a (at the bearing) has been changed to 34.

REASONS WHY THE PRESENT AMENDMENT IS SUBMITTED AFTER ALLOWANCE

The present amendment is needed to correct redundant reference numbers in the specification and drawings. No changes are being made to the claims by the present amendment, and therefore, no additional search or examination is required. The reason why the present amendment was not presented earlier is that the minor typographical errors and redundancies being corrected by the present amendment were not discovered until recently, and therefore could not be corrected at an earlier time. No new matter is being added by this amendment to the specification and drawings.

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